

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
October 6, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Jasper Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Kendall Martin, Pat Thyen, Don Weisheit, Doug Abbett, and Norma Kreilein. **Commission Members Absent:** Greg Stoner, Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Ann Hilgefert and Nanette Parsons. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, Donna Schepers, Karen Grewe and Dalesse Bowles. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz.

Kit Miracle introduced new staff member Dalesse Bowles as Program Coordinator/Technical Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Thyen moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Kendall Martin moved to approve the claims and financial statement. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- This is the last time for this year for requests to reallocate money. \$4000 was reallocated from contractual services into auditorium equipment in July. She is requesting to take another \$5000 from contractual services into auditorium equipment. Doreen will provide more information during the facilities report.
- October has been a busy month. Tommy Emmanuel performance was sold out on Sunday, October 4. We sold standing room only tickets. Feedback on the performance was an excellent show, but at 3 hours a little long.
- Leon Redbone is Sunday, October 11. This has been opened up to the house from a backstage production.
- Performing Arts Committee met for the first time to plan for next year.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- The vendor for the sound system has reported it is experiencing cash flow difficulties and unable to complete the job as quoted. Doreen requested that we rebid the project. Discussion followed. **Mike Jones** moved to rebid the sound system project, and for the current time we will not release the current company from its bid. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- She also requested permission to purchase a new 14 Input Stereo Powered Mixer for backstage and school performances. The cost is \$759.99. Discussion followed. **Mike Jones** moved to purchase the mixer. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- The Kennedy Center has given \$700 in funding to bring Creative Directions, under Karen Erickson, to the Jasper Schools on October 26; this will provide a workshop for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers in bringing drama into the classroom, with a focus on vocabulary and comprehension. There was no mention of funding for the spring semester. Donna will follow up with The Kennedy Center.

- Hot Peas 'N Butter will be at 10th Street School on October 16 at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grades from all the Jasper schools.
- Leadership symposium with an emphasis on diversity with Dr. Johnson as moderator will be held on November 17. Microphone stands will be in the audience for questions.

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- She reported the Juried Art Show was wonderfully attended.
- Currently in the Krempp Gallery is the John James Audubon, Bird Prints on Loan exhibit. A lecture scheduled for October 18, may be cancelled due to lack of reservations. The food served will be in the style of Audubon, what he would have eaten. The lecture is in jeopardy of being cancelled due to lack of interest. Discussion followed.
- *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* free workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Everyone was encouraged to participate at the workshop or participate on their own and bring shoe(s) in. These shoes will be the Krempp Gallery exhibit for November.

Region 11 Report

Kit reported.

- The Grant Awards Ceremony is on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Invitations were handed out to the commission members.
- One response, from Lisa McSpadden, d/b/a Village Wise Consulting, was received for the RFP for the grant writing and administrative tasks for the Indiana Arts Commission Region 11 partner. Discussion followed. **Doug Abbett** moved to enter into a contract with Lisa McSpadden d/b/a Village Wise Consulting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Project Coordinator Report

Dalesse reported.

- Invitations are being mailed for the Region 11 Grant Awards Ceremony and RSVPs are due back on Tuesday.
- She is providing marketing assistance to Kit, Amy and Donna.
- She will be receiving technical assistance training from Doreen.

New Business

- Kit and Donna will be live on WNIN on The Morning Edition from 8 – 9 a.m. Thursday, October 8. They will answer phones from 9 – 10 a.m. for donations for WNIN.

Old Business

Adjournment

Pat Thyen moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mike Jones

Attested